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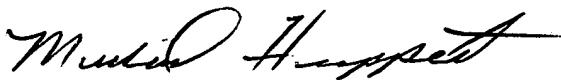
- b. [X] an Japanese Office Action is submitted herewith indicating the degree of relevance of each of the cited references,
- c. [] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- d. [X] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstracts,
- e. [X] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

U.S. Patent No. 5,592,450 corresponds to JP 7-311950.

- 5. [] A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AA	5,592,450	1/1997	Yonemitsu et al.			
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	AJ	7-311950	11/1995	JP			Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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